

Dear Members of The Judiciary Committee

I'm writing in **Opposition** to the following proposed legislation, S.B. 16, and H.B. 5416.

In my opinion these bills do little if nothing to reduce the recent crime wave being experienced in the major cities of our state, they simply create additional hardships on legal gun owners like myself.

In fact, some of the proposed provisions in S.B. 16 in particular would prevent legal urban gunowners from protecting themselves outside of their homes and businesses by restricting the right to carry on all manner of public transportation. A clear violation of 2nd Amendment rights.

The same can be said for the section of the bill prohibiting legal gun owners from carrying at public events, on public property, one example might be a disabled veteran confined to a wheelchair carrying for self-protection, attending a Memorial Day Parade.

We don't have a gun problem in this state, we have a crime problem. The failed liberal Democratic policies, such as the hastily adopted "Police Accountability Bill", the recent changes in Juvenile justice reform, and reduction in local police budgets (11-million-dollar reduction in Hartford) have created this problem.

We have plenty of existing laws on the books to resolve the issues, for example, there is a mandatory one-year sentence for carrying a Pistol or Revolver without a permit. These Juveniles running around carjacking and shooting at residents cannot have permits by law because you need to be 21 years of age to obtain one, yet I would submit not one individual is serving time as this law requires. The same goes for Car Jacking, we have a law "Grand Theft Auto", again I doubt anyone is being charged under this law.

Again, I ask that you **OPPOSE** S.B. 16

H.B. 5416

Once again, this proposed legislation does nothing to reduce crime and simply creates additional burdens on the legitimate gun owners. One example is a legitimate gun owner wishing to purchase a firearms collection, or a pair of firearms with sequential serial numbers as a part of a collection.

I ask that you **OPPOSE** H.B. 5416

In Closing, I ask for your **SUPPORT** of S.B. 388, H.B. 5415, and H.B.5412

Sincerely,

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